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SUBJECT: WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

1. PSYCHOLOGICAL SITUATION

MOST POLITICALLY-AWARE EGYPTIANS IN DIRECT CONVERSATIONS WITH FOREIGNERS, PARTICULARLY AMERICANS, CONTINUE TO SAY EGYPT IS STILL IN A STATE OF BELLIGERENCY AND THE EGYPTIAN PEOPLE ARE READY TO RESUME OPEN WARFARE IF THEIR OBJECTIVES AREN'T QUICKLY ACHIEVED AT GENEVA PEACE TALKS. HOWEVER, THERE IS SOME EVIDENCE THAT THE WAR MOOD IS LIGHTENING. THE CAPTURED MILITARY WEAPONS EXHIBITION AND WAR HERO STORIES NOW BEGINNING TO APPEAR IN NEWSPAPERS LEND AN AIR OF FINALITY TO THE WAR. EMPHASIS ON REBUILDING AND DEVELOPMENT, EXEMPLIFIED BY SIGNING OF SUMED CONTRACT, CONTINUES TO GROW. RADIO PROGRAMS HAVE DROPPED PATRIOTIC AND MILITARY MUSIC AND RETURNED TO NORMAL ROMANTIC FARE. GOE HAS RESUMED SPONSORING MODEST CULTURAL PROGRAMS, INDIGENOUS

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AND IN CONJUNCTION WITH FOREIGN CULTURAL CENTERS. LASTLY, THE INFAMOUS NIGHT CLUBS ON PYRAMIDS ROAD ARE OPENING

AGAIN.

SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SECOND CAIRO VISIT WAS GREETED WITH INTEREST BUT NOT WITH AS MUCH ENTHUSIASM AS THE FIRST. EGYPTIANS VIEWED HIS VISIT AGAINST A BACKGROUND OF ALLEGEDLY "UNKEPT PROMISES" AND THE PROSPECT OF \$2.2 BILLION IN AID RATHER THAN PRESSURE UPON ISRAEL. BUT THERE IS STILL EXPECTATION THAT KISSINGER AND THE U.S. CAN PLAY A "CONSTRUCTIVE" ROLE IN GENEVA.

AGAINST THIS PSYCHOLOGICAL BACKGROUND AND MINDFUL OF HIGHLY POSSIBLE POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES STEMMING FROM THE GENEVA TALKS, USINT CAIRO HAS DECIDED WITH GOE FOREIGN MINISTRY APPROVAL TO RECOMMENCE MODEST CULTURAL ACTIVITIES. DEPENDING ON REACTION, WE WILL DECIDE HOW FAST TO PROCEED.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

A. TV SCIENCE PROGRAM USED PARTS SCIENCE REPORT AND VISION USA. NARRATOR PRAISED MODERN U.S. EDUCATIONAL METHODS AS SEEN IN FILM AND STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THEIR ADAPTATION IN EGYPT.

B. CELEBRATING 70TH ANNIVERSARY WRIGHT BROTHERS FIRST FLIGHT, TV AVIATION PROGRAM SHOWED PARTS OF "MAN'S REACH SHOULD EXCEED HIS GRASP."

C. "VIVA ZAPATA" SHOWN CINEMA CRITICS AND PROGES-
SIONALS AT CAO'S RESIDENCE.

D. FIVE POLLUTION FILMS NOW TOURING SCHOOLS, EDU-
CATIONAL CLUBS IN PROVINCES AS PART OF SCIENCE MUSEUM
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CAMPAIGN.

E. APPRECIABLE MEDIA COVERAGE KISSINGER VISIT.
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